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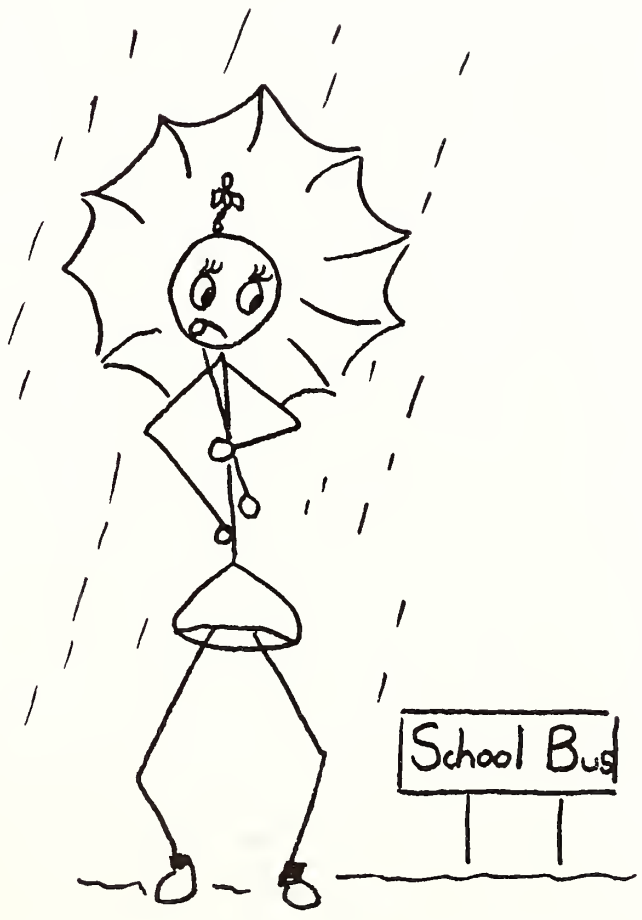

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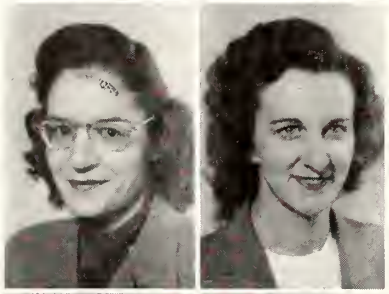

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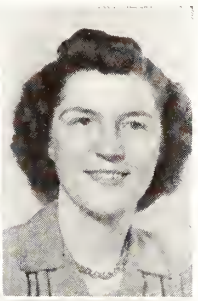

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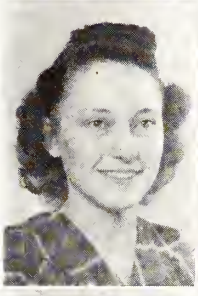

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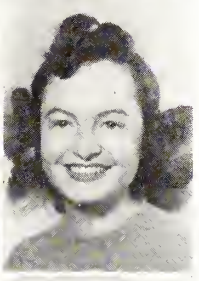

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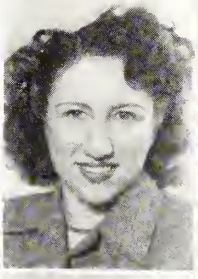

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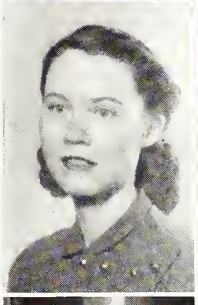

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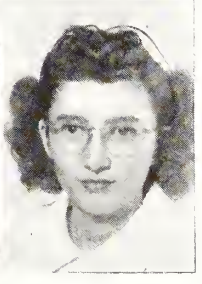

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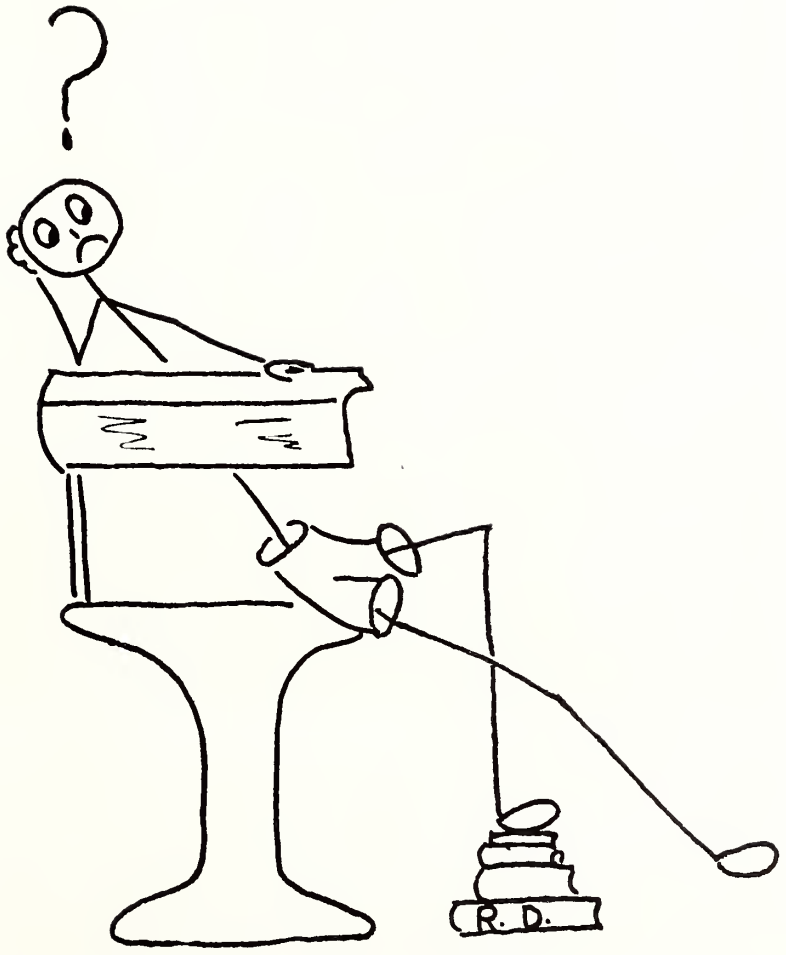

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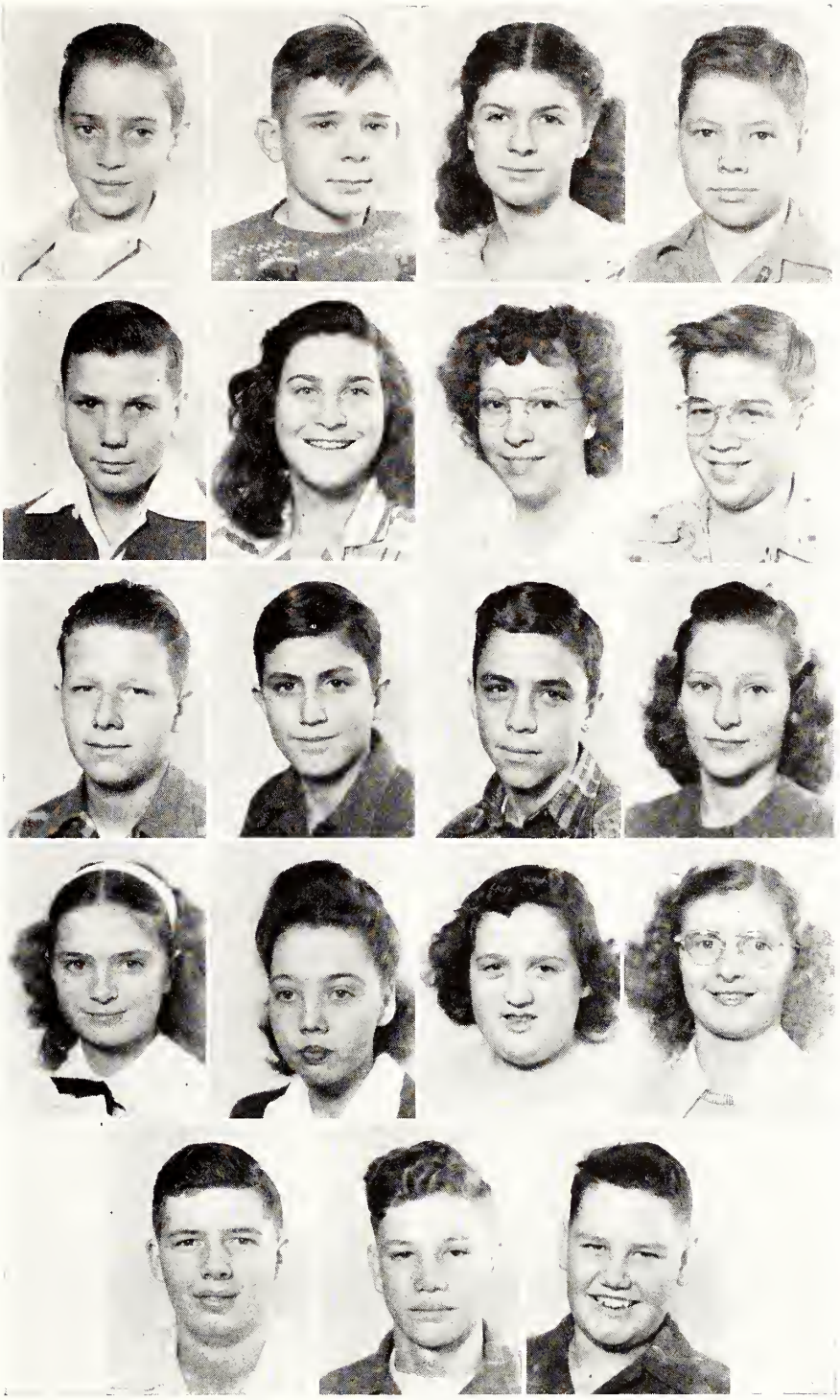
Starting at top, left to right—Albert Grimsey, Deane McConkey, James Dunn, Dean Partridge, Patricia Sparks, Patricia Lancaster, Betty Gilbert, Sylvia Westenhaver, John Sherman, Leonard Trump, Eldon Versteeg, Bobby Mettauer, Wanda Stevens, Barbara Passmore, Lois Lewis, Patsy Vogler, George Carlton, Alberta Mills, Lynne Veling, Charles Johnson.



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Starting at top, left to right—Duane McConkey, Reeves Adamson, Betty Cheek, Charles Leonard, Russell Overholt, Margaret Morris, Donna Shaw, Roger Hulett, Ralph Davis, James Smith, Raymond Protzman, Diane James, Kathleen Sheehan, Rosaline Luttrell, Anne Wright, Margaret Turrell, Marion Turrell, Bob Molck, Emerson Grider.

CLASS HISTORY

In September, 1940, forty-five wee tots, the 1948 graduating class of Rantoul Elementary School, commenced their education. Since we've always been known to be an independent group of children, we skipped off to school unescorted by our mothers. Why should we be afraid? For there to greet us were Mr. Condit, our principal, and our first teacher, Miss Reynolds. Besides, can you imagine Roger, Chuck, or Johnnie being led to school by their mothers? Even the girls, although they were more shy, boldly enrolled with few mothers accompanying them. At that time only the north wing was in existence. Naturally, Miss Reynolds taught us to read, write, cipher, and even spell a little during the year. Even though we were a mischievous group, Santa paid us his usual call at Christmas time. Then came Valentine's Day, and we exchanged greetings. Easter, we were seen all over the school yard looking for eggs. Finally, the year ended, and most of us had satisfactorily completed our first year of school.

In the fall of 1941, our second year, we were not only greeted by a new teacher, Miss Wilsona Hutchison, but also a new principal, Mr. Lee Morris. By this time we were a little older and wiser, so our teacher took us to Chanute Field to see the planes and many of the interesting buildings on the post. At our Christmas program, we gave the play, "The Christmas Carol," in which Roger Hulett played the leading role, Mr. Scrooge. Later in the year in connection with a health unit, we paid a visit to the local dairy. Before the year ended, war clouds were greatly affecting the enrollment of the entire school. It had increased to such a great extent that the construction of a new building became necessary. Our class was divided and Miss McNeil then taught part of us in what is now 1-B. Studying amidst the sounds of hammers and other commotions became a task, and we were more than happy to see vacation come. By the fall of '42, our third year, the new wing was completed, and we rejoiced. Our class was again divided; the group in the south wing was taught by Miss Welles, and the group in the north wing by Miss Lawrence, who left later in the year. Mrs. Miner finished the term. Many new faces were seen in our classrooms that year. Our lessons were more difficult, but the seventh graders made our daily routine more enjoyable by inviting us to their room to see their exhibit. Before we knew it, the year was over.

For some reason, by the time we were in the fourth grade, our number had decreased in size considerably. During the year many of the old students left and also a number of new ones enrolled. That year Miss Buchter, now Mrs. Wierney, taught the class in the north wing; Miss Welles, the other group in the south wing. For the first time we were studying geography. We loved it, for by now, we felt that we were quite grown up. In the spring, a pageant was given by the school, and our class was quite excited when we were chosen to dance the Virginia Reel. That year we also participated in a tree-planting ceremony at which the "Mina Thompson Tree" was planted on tht northwest corner of our

playground. Our term ended with a roller skating party at the local skating rink.

In the fall of '44 when we entered school as fifth graders we really felt that we were grown up, for now we were on the second floor. More subjects were added to our load, and with more homework, we felt that our teachers, Miss Wagner in the north wing, and Miss Wellpott in the south, were over-burdening us with work. When Christmas came, our gift exchange and our programs highlighted the holiday season. In the annual pageant, we dressed as farmers and farmerettes. That year we were kept busy conducting paper drives as a wartime enterprise. Together with the sixth grade, we had another roller skating party, and thus we ended our fifth year with spills, bruises, and aching muscles.

In our sixth year, we were taught by Miss Simpsen and Miss Skelton. Under the latter's supervision, Red Cross boxes were sent overseas. Later we received thank-you letters for the gifts we had sent. When we came back from our Christmas vacation, we were greeted by a new superintendent, Mr. Eater, who had replaced Mr. Morris. We also published a class paper as an English project. When May came, we were ready for vacation.

When school began in the fall of '46, several changes had taken place. All the seventh and eighth grades were now in the south wing with Miss Wellpott teaching 7-W and Miss Bohn 7-E. This was our introduction to the departmental system, too; we students passed from classroom to classroom for every subject. Our other departmental teachers were Mr. Sharpe, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Sutherland, and Mrs. Dean. We became extremely interested in basketball, for now we had two coaches, Mr. Sharpe for the heavyweights, and Mr. Schwetzler for the lightweights and featherweights. We also gave several assembly programs, elected class officers, and aided in publishing the school paper. Finally, we were ready for our final grades, and we were promoted to the eighth.

Again in our final year we were all in the south wing with Mr. Sharpe and Miss Bohn as our homeroom teachers. Mrs. McFadyen, Mrs. Bingham, and Mrs. Waters were the new departmental teachers. Miss Wellpott was still our English teacher. Into this last year were crowded many activities. Early in the fall some of us participated in a minstrel given at the annual Hallowe'en Frolic. Mrs. McFadyen took the class to the Chanute Field weather school in connection with a weather unit studied in science. Several of us were talented in art, so we entered a locally sponsored art contest. Again our sports ability was responsible for our winning second place in the county lightweight tournament. We participated in various assembly programs, a minstrel, sports, and a class play. Our last achievement and the first of its kind in the history of our school, was the publication *The Mirror*, our annual. It was with joy mixed with a little regret that we looked forward to commencement and our banquet. Although there were forty-five of us to begin with only ten of this number are graduating with the class of '48. They are Roger Hulett, Charles Leonard, Kathleen Sheehan, Betty Cheek, Diane James, Sylvia Westenhaver, Robert Mettauer, John Sherman, James Smith, and Russell Overholt.

CLASS WILL

We, the Eighth Grade Class of the Rantoul Elementary School, graduating in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, being of sound mind and body, do hereby proclaim and publish this, our last will and testament.

I, Anne Wright, will my slinky figure to Delores Alcorn.

I, Margaret Morris, will my undying love for Leonard Trump to Patsy Lathrop.

I, Marion Turrell, will my long whiskers to Cyril Wainscott.

I, Chuckie Leonard, will my excess baggage to Bonnie Moran.

I, Rosaline Luttrell, will my make-up kit to Freda Heimburger.

I, Russell Overholt, will my bashfulness to Ted Reynolds.

I, Diane James, will my rabbit-nosed giggle to Carol Milchman.

I, Kathleen Sheehan, will my Power's Model posture to Gene King.

I, Raymond Protzman, will my ability to get along with girls to Lester Kinney.

I, Donna Shaw, will my singing ability to the Andrews Sisters, Larry Colaw, Roy Philipps, and Rex Parker.

I, Duane McConkey, will my ability to get along with referees to Jack Philbrick.

I, Ralph Davis, will my boots to Evelyn Valenti.

I, Bob Molck, will five inches of my five feet nine to Doyle Beesley.

I, Emerson Grider, will my baby-doll dimples to Bobby Loslo.

I, Roger Hulett, will my chess game (if I ever get it back) to Mrs. Bingham.

We, Betty Cheek and Barbara Passmore, will our quiet dispositions to Charles Powell and Shirley Bailey.

I, Reeves Adamson, will my wits, I mean my wit, to Billy Luttrell.

I, Margaret Turrell, will my courtesy to Raymond Luttrell.

I, James Smith, will the dimple in my chin to Dickie Varner.

I, James Dunn, will my nickname, "Peewee," to Lawrence Knowles.

I, Pat Sparks, will my love for Bob Molck to Nancy Collins.

I, Betty Gilbert, will my ability to play a guitar to Lester Kinney.

I, Sylvia Westenhaver, will my tapping toes to Mary Holzhauer.

I, Alberta Mills, will my well-earned A's to Blanche Gonder.

I, Eldon Versteeg, will my ability to wiggle my ears to George Stalter.

I, Pat Lancaster, will my basketball technique to Ruth Walsh.

I, Lois Lewis, will my timidness to Gery Maury.

I, Wanda Stevens, will my Texas drawl to Diane Miller.

I, Dean Partridge, will my well-groomed hair to Lowell Hill.

I, George Carlton, will my vocabulary and knowledge of current events to Paul Carter.

I, Dean McConkey, will my greatest diversion, playing hookey, to Mary Grimsey.

I, Albert Grimsey, will my little Kay Sparks to Raymond Luttrell.

I, Charles Johnson, will my Toni wave to Robert Junkins.

I, John Sherman, will my attraction to the opposite sex to Bruce O'Hara.

I, Bobby Mettauer, will my blue eyes to Elizabeth Cain.

I, Lynne Veling, will my trim figure to Mary Holzhauer.

I, Patsy Vogler, will my fleetness to Bobby Loslo.

We, the class as a whole, will to the incoming seventh graders all the gum under our desks.

P. S. Kilroy left his name on the blackboard for the teachers.

CLASS PROPHECY

In the early summer of 1958, we, Donna Shaw and Patsy Volger, decided to accept an invitation to visit a former classmate, Wanda Stevens, who is now married to James Dunn, a rancher, near Skidmore, Texas.

We boarded the train in Rantoul, and had no sooner seated ourselves comfortably when we heard a familiar voice say, "Tickets, please." Yes, the porter was Charles Johnson. Soon after that we heard someone shouting, "Sandwiches, ice cream, cokes, and candy!" In the same breath, the voice said, "Imagine that, my old friends, Donna and Pat." This was none other than Margaret Turrell. Then we decided to spend part of our time in the observation car, and on our way to it we walked through the diner, where someone said, "Hi, ya, girls!" We turned our heads just in time to see Albert Grimsey as a waiter disappear into the kitchen. Who do you think we saw seated there with his head buried in a comic book and smoking a cigar? None other than Roger Hulett. In the course of our conversation we learned that he was on his way to visit his bachelor friend, Reeves Adamson, who was now a wealthy oil man in Texas and living not far from the Dunns.

When our train finally chugged into Skidmore, we girls were cordially greeted by the Dunns. Just as we climbed into their new Plymouth, an auto horn blared furiously. Looking, we couldn't help but see Reeves all dressed up in his ten gallon hat driving that long-dreamed-about limousine. At the same time we also noticed that the engineer was waving frantically, and on closer observation we realized that it was Ralph Davis. Driving away, we saw a group of railroad workers; among them was Raymond Protzman displaying his Charles Atlas physique by lifting rails into place.

At last we arrived at the Dunns' Horny Toad Ranch. Just as we turned into the driveway, up galloped Leonard Trump and his wife, the former Alberta Mills, astride a pair of pinto ponies. They were also visitors. We then dismounted; one of the cowhands, James Smith, lumbered up and took the horses to the stables.

That evening James and Wanda decided to take their guests into town to one of their favorite night spots, the Diamond Horseshoe, owned by the Honorable Chuck Leonard. When we entered the place we checked our coats with a frivolous little hat check girl, Sylvia Westenhaver, who was flirting with all the men present. We were just in time for the floor show presented by Eldon Versteeg and his Mud Creek Specialists. The introductory number was "Deep in the Heart of Texas" sung by Betty Gilbert with her own guitar accompaniment. This was followed by

a short skit, "The Midnight Ride of Hop-Along Partridge" starring Hop himself. Other members were the villain, Dean McConkey; the hero's lady love, Lois Lewis; and the sheriff, Bobby Mettauer. The roof almost fell in with applause when Anne Wright, dressed in full cowgirl regalia, tripped lightly to the center of the stage, while Emerson Grider, her cowboy assistant, twirled the lasso while she gaily danced the light fantastic.

While we were still convulsed with laughter, John Sherman and his wife, the former Lynne Veling, joined us at our table. The remainder of the evening was spent dancing to the music of Russell Overholt's Melody Boys and enjoying the crooning of his singing star, Duane McConkey.

The next morning, the Dunns thought we would enjoy a horseback ride to the Cowlick Ranch owned by Bob Molck and his charming wife, the former Pat Sparks. They were indeed surprised and happy to see us. On our way home an automobile zoomed by, scaring our horses. Although we had difficulty in reining our horses, we caught a glimpse of the occupants of the car, who were Marion Turrell, his wife, Barbara Passmore, and their twin sons.

When evening came we all enjoyed a steak fry in the Dunns' backyard. In the course of the conversation, we learned the whereabouts of others of the class. Pat Lancaster was now an instructor at a riding academy in Kansas City, Missouri. Alberta informed us that while she and Leonard were visiting in the East they encountered Margaret Morris, who was the only woman professor at Harvard. She in turn told them that George Carlton was now located at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he was experimenting with cracking atoms. Wanda said she had received a letter from Rosaline Luttrell, who was residing in a trailer camp near Camp Howe, Texas, with her husband Sgt. Aloysius Sinning. Word had also been received by Alberta that Betty Cheek was now a missionary in Jun Ming, China, and Kathleen Sheehan was residing there also as the wife of Laddie Krackman, who was now stationed with the American Army in Nanking.

After a few more days of relaxation in the Texas sunshine, we realized our vacation was rapidly drawing to a close. We decided to return to our jobs as secretaries at Chanute Air Base. Boarding the plane we were greeted by an attractive hostess, Diane James, who made our return trip very pleasant.

We were then ready to resume our duties after our two weeks in Texas, the only country within the United States.

7 E

Left to right, first row—Patricia Lathrop, Ted Petersen, Doyle Beesley, Gene King, Elizabeth Cain, Mary Grimsey.

Second row—Delores Alcorn, Nancy Collins, Lillian Schubert, Billy Luttrell, Ronnie Jeffords, Billy Davis.

Third row,— Ruth Walsh, Shirley Carney, Diane Miller, Sally Geyer, Patricia Ogdon Lowell Hill.

Fourth row — Mary Holzhauer, Audree Whalen, George Stalter, Gery Maury, Charles Powell, Lawrence Knowles.

Fifth row—Bruce O'Hara, Cyril Wainscott.

Not pictured—Evelyn Valente, Caroline Milchman.

7 W

Left to right, first row—Rex Parker, Larry Colaw, Bonnie Moran, Patricia Carter, Robert Junkins, Lester Kinney.

Second row—Pat Foley, Joan Otis, Juanita Karr, Shirley Bailey, Joann Wells, Irene Benson.

Third row—Kay Sparks, Dickie Varner, Paul Carter, Raymond Luttrell, Richard Ogdon, Joan Williams.

Fourth row—Jack Philbrick, Robert Loslo, Roy Phillips, Hollene Fisher, Wanza Lane, Blanche Gonder.

Fifth row—Ruth Carlton, Tommy Dean, Ted Reynolds, Freda Heimburger.

6 E

Left to right, first row—Valerie Heizer, Lewis Baker, Ruby Peterson, Craig Chambers, Kenneth Haynes, Richard Knowles.

Second row—Sandra Williams, Shirley Minkler, Barbara Cheek, David Nelson, Gary Evans, Ruth Holzhauer.

Third row—Ronnie Stout, Carol Spaulding, Shirley Albers, Eugene Warren, Kenneth Wittenmeier, Virginia Karr.

Fourth row—Dorothy Stoneman, John Brown, Jimmy Wright, Donald Cook.

6 W

Left to right, first row—Aubrey Mills, Gene Ethridge, Linda Smith, Barbara Hadler, Norman Hill, Donald Grovier.

Second row—Priscilla Waters, Rosabelle Hobson, Ralph Williams, Ardith Bonnett, Christine Lane, Shirley Hurdle.

Third row—Patricia Warner, Raymond Turrell, Joyce Steed, Lee Closson, James Bryan, Marie Booker.

Fourth row—Jerry Potts, Julian Woodin, Charlene Benson.

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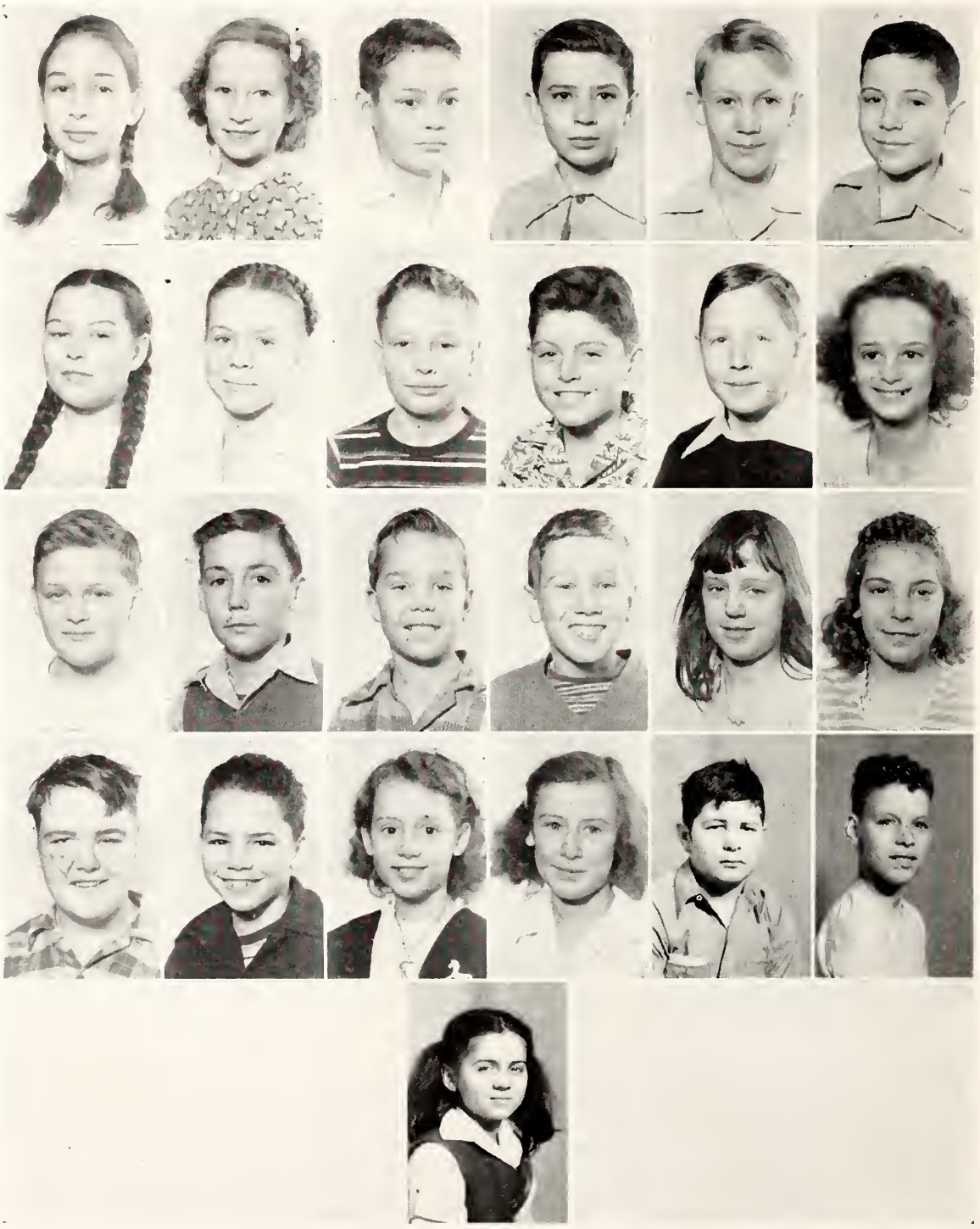

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Second row—Janet Alcorn, Shirley Toliver, Ervin Molck, Donald Hammer, Walter Richter, Cynthia Williams.

Third row—Leroy Willems, Bruce Castor, David Luttrell, Howard Adams, Marilyn Martin, Ruth Gonder.

Fourth row—Bob Fisk, Leeland Theis, Billie Powell, Carol Ann Seaton, Bob Partridge, Dale Meuser.

Fifth row—Jacqueline Komlenich.

5 W

Left to right, first row—Stanley Parker, Kenneth Shover, Beverly King, Billy Reay, Suzanne Davidson, Donna Kay Kuykendall.

Second row—Elaine Martin, Edward Folkes, David Van Zant, Sharon Menefee, Dean Burdette, John Hulett.

Third row—Sandra Sue Drysdale, Shirley Stone, Jackie Cruea, Betty Wilson, Helen Reynolds, Dick Malsbury.

Fourth row—Donald Kelley, Mary Baile, John Glenn, Eugene Everette, Martha Cotten, Jerry Wright.

Fifth row—Nancy Sue White, Lavonne Sjoken, Carol McEntire.

4 E

Left to right, first row—Gerald Barr, James Spears, Joann Seybold, Patricia Evans, Jamalynn Wade, James Robertson.

Second row—Leilani Yoder, Lorraine Mogel, Jerry Matsler, Clyde Canman, Michael Morin, Bobby Lathrop.

Third row—Charlotte Wells, Jerry Zachary, Ellie Cates, Sonya Frezieres, Errol Holliday, Nancy Clark.

Fourth row—Richard Ethridge, Jo Ann Martin, Peggy St. Martin, James Lee Warner, Roy Spaulding, Neila Preston.

Fifth row—Wilbur Nelson, Shirley Benson.

Not pictured—Donald Hadler, Donna Lee Gammon.

4 W

Left to right, first row—Larry Alcorn, Richard Haynes, Rudolph Spaulding, Sandra Jeffords, Gerald Gene Everette, Roland Carson.

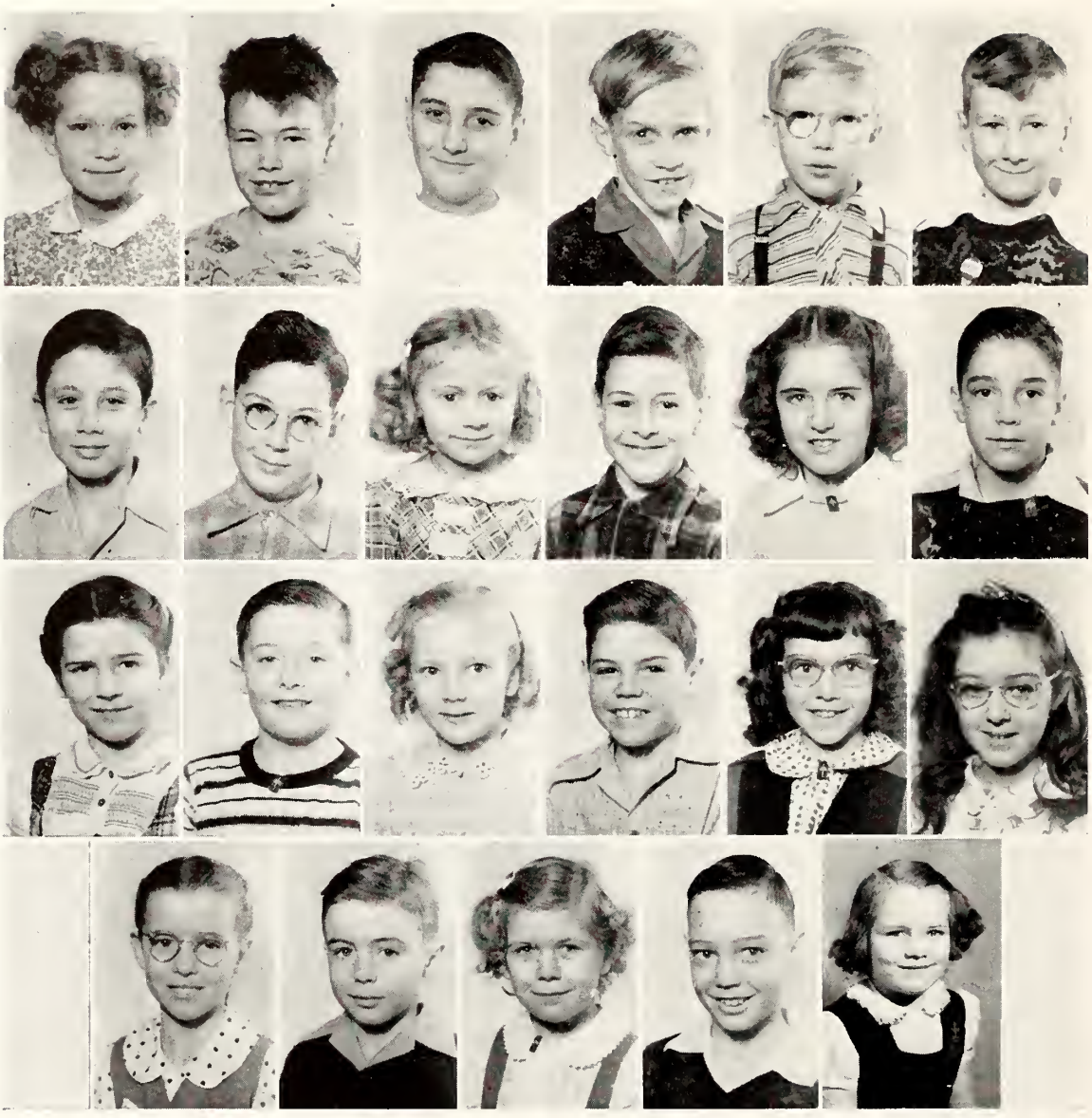
Second row—Billy Loslo, Patrick Phillips, Kenneth Clark, Donna Warren, Jackie Matsler, Jean Mills.

Third row—Earl Schubert, Richard Brown, Eldon Molck, James Morris, Michael Williams, Marcus Wainscott.

Fourth row—Frank Domonous, David Moran, Beverly Fitzwater, Faye Carlton, Beverly Worthy, Carolyn Sheehan.

Fifth row—John Stewart, Tommy Pilkington, Frank Kane, Irene Grider, Suzanne Theis, Richard Veling.

3 E



Left to right, first row—Rosalee Mettauer, Douglas Robinson, James Arnold, John Garmer, Ronald Brunson, Merium Heimburger.

Second row—James Sparks, Randolph Watson, Mary Geyer, John Pettigrew, Nancy Murphy, Jerald Denton.

Third row—Ruby Cheek, Gary Whalen, Sandra Crane, Gaylyn Grider, Glenda Gray, Alora Chambers.

Fourth row—Doris Toliver, Gary Cole, Marcia Gustafson, Larry Zachary, Ellen Barnett.

Not pictured—Cherry Partridge.

3 W

Left to right, first row—Patricia Williams, Patricia Ann Tenold, Carol Ann Chase, Patricia Baile, Judy Kelley, Mary Ellen Glenn.

Second row—Judith Burnison, Clara Richardson, Mary Craft, Roberta Davidson, Carol Lou Grider, Eddie Simenson.

Third row—Jimmy Sry, Donald Haynes, Duane Nelson, Bobby Clark, Donald Adams, Gene Shaw.

Fourth row—Frankie Griffin, William Duke, Terry Ferguson, Gery Carney, Joan Miller, Garry Yoder.

Fifth row—Donna Sjoken.

Not pictured—Tommy Bennett.

2 E

Left to right, first row—Mary Sue Luttrell, Michael Cook, Charles Search, Raymond McClara, Dorothy Cooper, Geraldine Kinsey, Nancy Thompson, Sally Brinkman.

Second row—Peggy Gianacas, Lona Frisbie, Judy Wells, Gail Murphy, Carolyn Robinson, Gerald Holliday, Connie Domonousky, James Rexroat.

Third row—Shirley Springer, Bobby Ogdon, Eugene Eggers, Sylvia Stone, Ted Clark, Suzanne Bowles, Damon Hennion, Ronald Wiley.

Fourth row—Michael Spears, Russell Withrow, Stephen LaGrant, Bill Pilkington, Beverly Heimburger, Roger Tippy, John Bois.

Not pictured—Janaan Olson.

2 W

Left to right, first row—Lizabeth Sry, Bruce Johnson, Bonnie Moore, Gherel Platis, Judith Cooper, Jerry Johnson, Sue Knotts, Ronald Sawyer

Second row—Jane Ricketts, Sheila Theis, Saundra Overholt, Carol Versteeg, Michael Wilmeth, Donna Burdett, James Sheehan, Glenn Tadlock.

Third row — Billy Turrell, Judy Ruschel, Donald Grimsey, Timothy Driskell, Janis Frankie, Bruce Allen, David Hennion, Alton Hennion.

Fourth row—Charles Phillips, Betty King, Charles Lancaster, Pat Morin, Dick Morris, Annette Gilbert, Marilyn Richardson, Johnny Combest.

Fifth row—Rosemary Milchman.

1 E

Left to right, first row—Carl Valentine, Rebecca Ziegler, Janice Jeffords, James Ferdinandsen, John Reay, Mary Meece, Ronald Stevenson, Larry Baile.

Second row—William Heimburger, Elaine Holverson, Delores Baker, Joy Hennion, Sharon Gostage, Phyllis Draper, Bill Tone, Karol Mallow.

Third row—Charles Keller, Irene Platis, Guy Nichols, Donald Menefee, David Basden, Joy Bingham, Linda Nelson, Whit Eades.

Fourth row—Forrest Wolferd, Diane Martin, Suanne Clark, Carolynn Warren, Larry Richter, Mary Blackman, Judith Carson.

Not pictured—Linda Gilbert.

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Left to right, first row—Gene Hills, Stanley Moore, Billy Richardson, John Staley, Terry Tadlock, Jerald Heller, Denny Eggers, Emily Fagnes.

Second row—Dickie Powell, Linda Ainsworth, Larry Spaulding, Cheryl Nelson, Nancy Jo Green, Barbara Oliver, Roger Wissmiller, Marlys Ann Zander.

Third row—Judy Rae Jividen, Geoffrey Davis, Linda Kay Castor, John Powers, Judy Summers, Virginia Bigelow, Billy Gibbs, Barbara Cole.

Fourth row—Johnny Meeker, Nancy Lee Grona, Sandra Sue Tenold, Marilyn Hennion, Peggy McBroom, Janet Frezieres, Carol Heizer, Sandra Royal.

Fifth row—David Barnett.

1 B

Left to right, first row—Mariam Johnston, Linda Gray, Maureen Mourer, Audrea Hodge, Ronald Search, Shirley Sparks, Barbara Wells, Clancy Richardson.

Second row—John Warters, Gerald Craft, Sharon Ferguson, Charlene Warthey, Wanda Castor, Gloria Cushman, Kenneth Roddy, Lana Heasty.

Third row—Barbara Jeffords, Michael Rothman, Brian Wallen, Frina Porter, Alice Carlton, Valerie Rosholt, James Leming, James Flessner.

Fourth row—Charles Cheek, Larry Dean Overholt, James McFadyen, Craig Raymond, Jimmy Taft, Carla Brouhard, Larry Freeman, Jerry Pilkington.

Fifth row—Richard Lee.

KINDERGARTEN

Left to right, first row—Sharon Lynn Richard, Edward Burton, Sherilyn Deemer, Mauverne Coughlin, Helve Woods, Rex Wheeler.

Second row—Sharon Greenwood, Laurence Paul Wright, Nancy DeVille, Phyllis Schneider, Keetjie Olson, Dwight Zord.

Third row—Barbara Land, Cresson Wiker, Jeri Lee Nelson, Lynda Bousfield, Barbara Fisk, Barbara Zabadhl.

Fourth row—Gerilyn Deemer, Carolyn Joy Martenson, Vaughn Harris, Larry Klugman, Jeanette Guynn, Stanley Jocelyn.

KINDERGARTEN

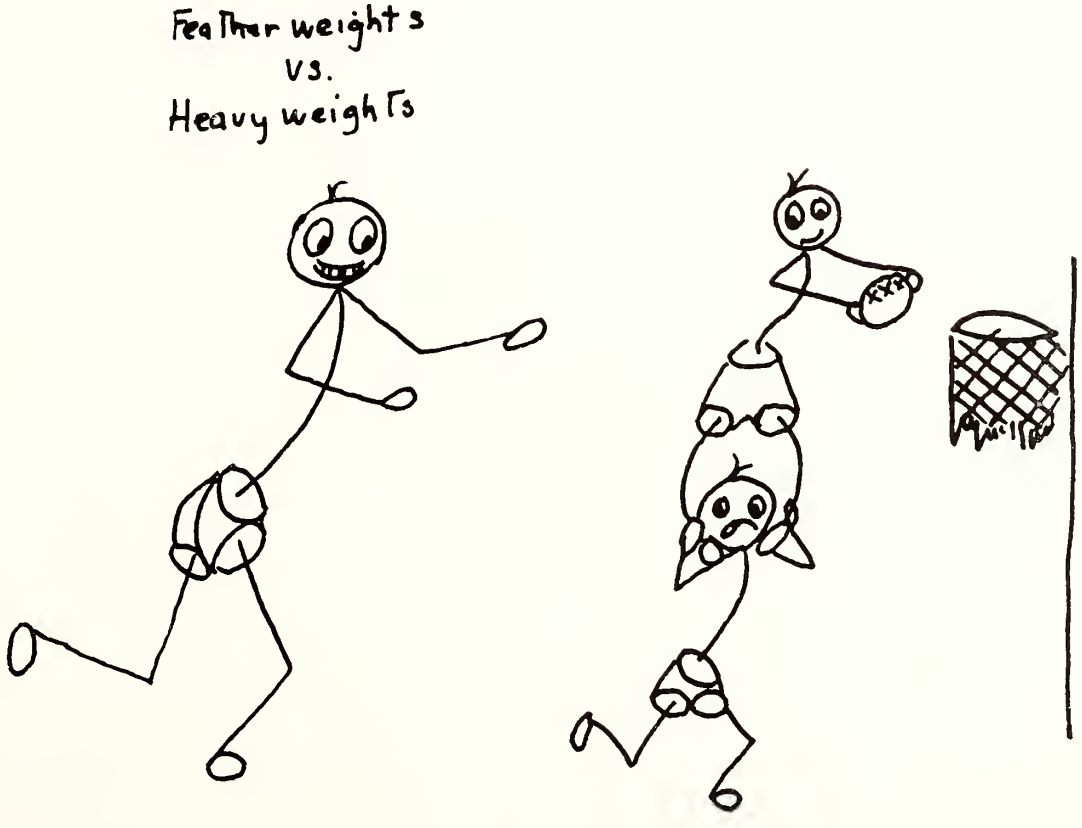
Left to right, first row—Jon Hall, Joellyn Ricketts, Tim Wietekamp, Marsa Sutton, Richard Boorom, Barry Funk.

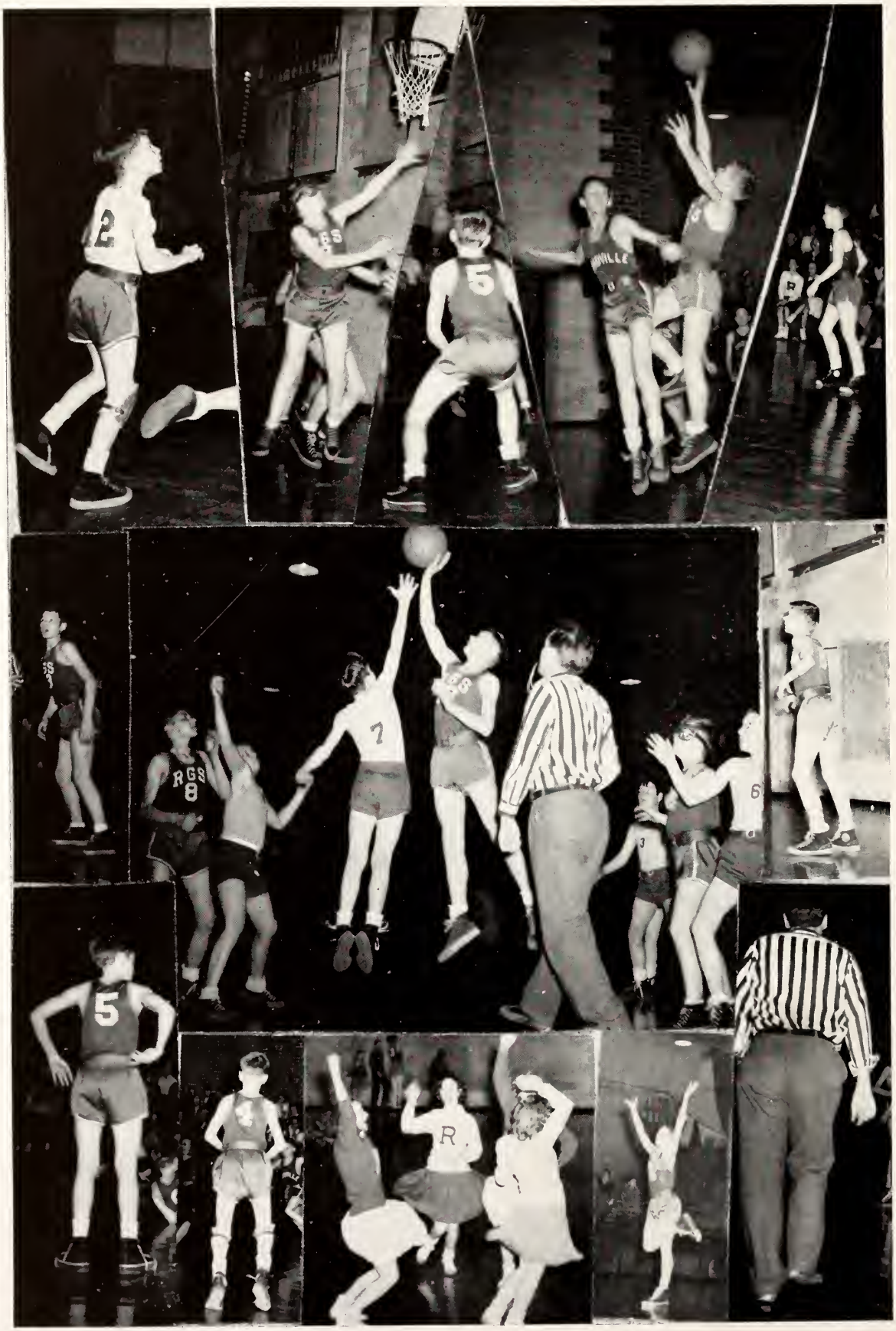
Second row—Beverly Ann South, Edward Anderson, Craig Vetter, Tony Carter, Beverly Kay Flood, Pete Cope.

Third row—John Bibby, Joe Whalen, Manford Dickerson, Roma Mae Ruehlman, Robert Breenson, Ronnie Moore.

Fourth row—Donald Malcolm Eden, Connie Petrakis, Betty Lou Foster, John Eater, Nancy Cain.

Athletics





CHEERLEADERS

Chee hee, Chee ha,
Chee ha, ha, ha,
Rantoul Bulldogs,
Rah, Rah! Rah!

In the fall of 1947 this was one of the yells echoing through the upper halls. The girls in the seventh and eighth grades were practicing for the tryouts as cheerleaders. Then the time came when they were to be chosen. The fortunate ones were Nancy Collins, Shirley Carney, Patricia Lathrop, and Patricia Carter. These energetic cheerleaders attended every game, and greatly contributed to the success of the basketball teams throughout the year.

Heavyweight Basketball Team

The R.G.S. heavyweights won 4 games and lost 15, including tournament play. They played two thrilling overtime games, winning one from Paxton and losing one to St. Joseph. In the county tournament, Rantoul lost to Homer in the opening game. In the sectional, Rantoul defeated Paxton, then lost to Gibson City in their second game.

R.G.S.		*Opponents*
14	Homer	39
28	Paxton	9
27	Fisher	30
19	St. Joseph	20
12	Fisher	19
15	Holy Cross	17
13	Gibson City	27
6	Homer	18
14	East Lynn	36
15	Tolono	35

R.G.S.		*Opponents*
16	Mahomet	30
49	Sidney	24
13	Tolono	27
11	St. Joseph	21
19	Homer	39
20	Mahomet	41
29	Paxton	28
44	Paxton 208	7
27	Gibson City	34

Lightweight Basketball Team

The lightweights had a very successful season, winning 16 games and losing only 3. They won second place in the county tournament. In the sectional tournament, they were defeated in their first game by Bellflower, the team which won the tournament. Seven boys from the lightweight squad were seventh graders and two were sixth graders. Some of the boys played on both the lightweight and the heavyweight teams.

R.G.S.		*Opponents*
14	Homer	19
33	Paxton	6
42	Fisher	10
24	St. Joseph	10
34	Fisher	5
29	Holy Cross	18
29	Gibson City	9
14	Homer	12
18	East Lynn	16
26	Tolono	16

R.G.S.		*Opponents*
30	Mahomet	23
30	Tolono	10
33	St. Joseph	17
19	Mahomet	13
42	Sadorus Lutheran	12
27	Bondville	16
33	Sidney	21
16	Homer	20
16	Bellflower	40

Featherweight Basketball Team

The featherweight team did not have any scheduled games, but played in the Pesotum Invitational Tournament. Here they successfully defended their county title which they won the year before. They defeated St. Joseph in the first game, 30 to 10. Sidney was their next victim, 25 to 6. In the final game Ogden was defeated, 28 to 13, leaving Rantoul still the county champions.

Basketball letter winners were: Reeves Adamson, Doyle Beesley, Larry Colaw, James Dunn, Roger Hulett, Ronnie Jeffords, Charles Johnson, Gene King, Lawrence Knowles, Raymond Luttrell, Gery Maury, Duane McConkey, Bob Molck, Richard Ogdon, Jerry Potts, John Sherman, Leonard Trump, and Marion Turrell. Seven of these boys will be back next year.

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HEAVYWEIGHT TRACK TEAM

LIGHTWEIGHT TRACK TEAM

TRACK

The heavyweights will attempt to defend their last year's county championship this spring at the county track meet to be held here at Rantoul May 14th, while the lightweights will try to better last year's third place. The javelin was discontinued this year. Events for both lights and heavies are: 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, 120-yard low hurdles, 440-yard relay, high jump, broad jump, hop, step, and jump, pole vault, shot, and discus.

SOFTBALL

The Rantoul Elementary School softball team, which consisted of members of both heavyweight and lightweight track boys, had a successful season this year, with three wins and three losses. They were McConkey, Knowles, Sherman, Turrell, Hill, Trump, Protzman, Colaw, Parker, Hulett, Adamson, and Overholt.

The team won the District Championship over Fairbury, by a score of 15 to 10. This game was played in Rantoul. Our team also defeated Lincoln in an extra inning game at Monticello in the State Sectional finals.

We were then defeated by Monticello, 7-0, which gave us second place in the sectional.

Eighth Grade Girls

Left to right—Kathleen Sheehan, Patricia Lancaster, Betty Gilbert, Patsy Vogler, Donna Shaw, Alberta Mills, Miss Bohn, Margaret Morris, Diane James, Barbara Passmore, Patricia Sparks, Rosaline Luttrell, Wanda Stevens, and Betty Cheek

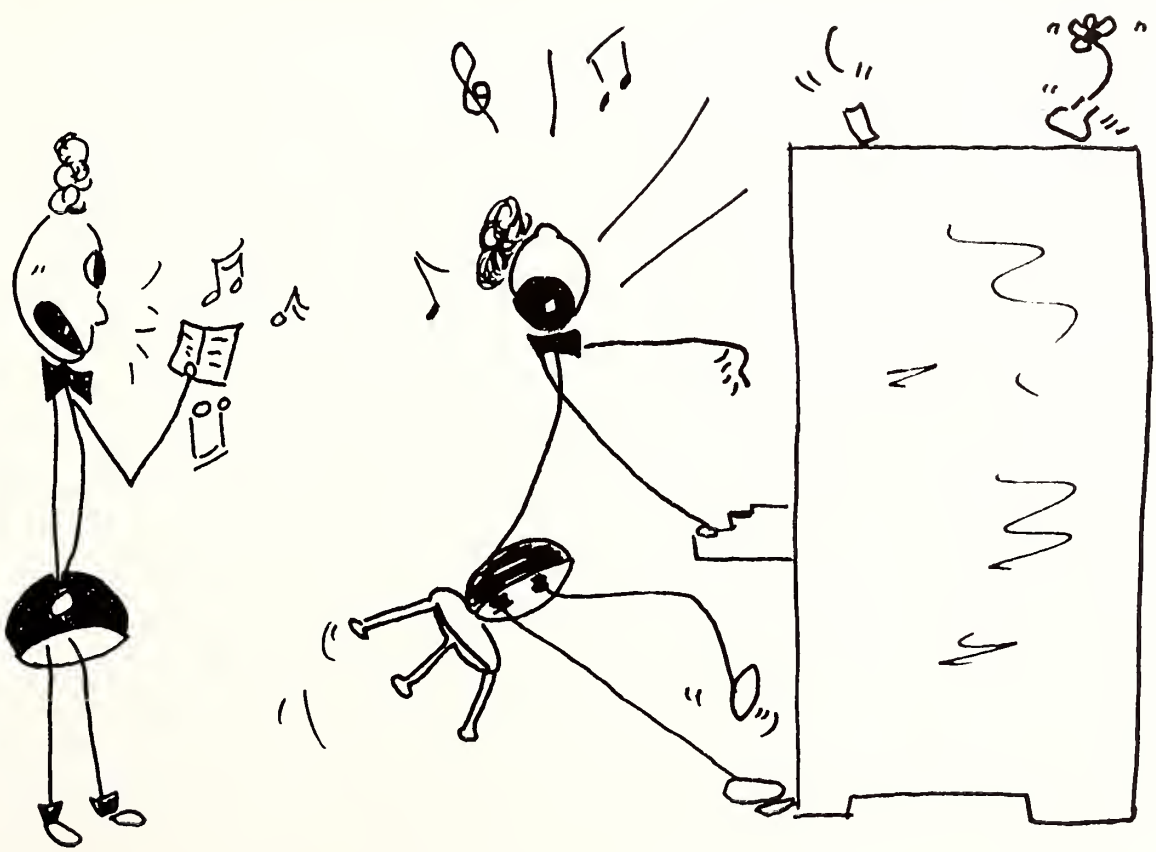
Eighth Grade Girl All-Stars

For the last few years the girls of the seventh and eighth grades have taken their sports seriously. For this reason they have developed into healthy, skillful, good-natured girls. During the winter when the weather forced the physical education class indoors, much time was spent in learning the fundamentals of basketball. Intramural games were held on Thursday evenings after school for the purpose of selecting the all-star teams to participate in the Sports Carnival which was the greatest event of the year for the girl athletes. Twelve girls were chosen from each of the seventh and eighth grade physical education classes.

Seventh Grade Girl All-Stars

Left to right — Hollene Fisher, Mary Holzhauer, Patsy Carter, Bonnie Moran, Shirley Carney, Sally Geyer, Miss Bohn, Delores Alcorn, Patricia Lathrop, Joann Wells, Shirley Bailey, Nancy Collins, Lillian Schubert, and Wanza Lane.

Activities



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Eighth Grade Class Play

Cast

Jeannie	Alberta Mills
Bessie	Sylvia Westenhaver
Mary	Patsy Vogler
Mrs. Allen	Margaret Morris
Stella	Lynne Veling
Betty	Pat Sparks
Nancy	Betty Gilbert
Peggy	Kathy Sheehan
Junior	Eldon Versteeg
Butch	Reeves Adamson
Bill	James Dunn
Herbert	Leonard Trump
Harold	Roger Hulett
Mr. Allen	Marion Turrell
George	Ralph Davis

"GOODNIGHT, UNCLE GEORGE"

The play was a three-act comedy dealing with the age-old problem of passing final exams. Due to lack of studying through the year, Junior plans a jam session in history the night before the exams. His three pals, who are honor students, are called on for help. The idea is to bring the class average down so Junior can pass. This plan is disarranged by the unexpected arrival of Uncle George.

The play was under the direction of Miss Maxine Bohn.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council, which was organized last year, represents the student body in the school government. It is made up of two members from each of the four upper grades.

During the school year, it sponsored various activities. Early in the year the members delivered handbills for the Hallowe'en Frolic, sold basketball pins, and arranged for a contest to name the athletic teams. Under their direction the amount of money raised in the March of Dimes was greater than ever before. The photography project was the last activity.

The members received gold-plated pins if they kept a high citizenship and scholastic average.

Safety Patrol Boys

The Safety Patrol is an organization sponsored by the Chicago Motor Club to protect children at street crossings. It is composed of boys from grades 6, 7, and 8, and directed by Mr. Sharpe.

In fair weather or foul, the patrol boys are always on the job. At a special assembly during the year two representatives of the Chicago Motor Club praised the patrol boys for their record of service and invited them to the annual picnic this spring. Mayor Ralph Scott presented a certificate of award to the patrol since no student was injured at a school crossing during the past year. Larry Colaw, Captain of Patrol 7-E, accepted the award on behalf of the entire patrol.

Eighth Grade Patrol Boys

Seventh Grade Patrol Boys

Sixth Grade Patrol Boys

Hall Patrol Groups

At the beginning of the second semester hall patrol groups were organized to lessen the noise and confusion in the halls. In the north wing the stairs were patrolled by sixth grade boys under Miss Skelton and Mr. Obrecht's direction. The seventh and eighth grade girls, under Miss Wellpott's supervision, similarly patrolled the stairs and lower halls in the south wing. A different group was on duty each week.

Sixth Grade Hall Patrol Boys

Hall Patrol Girls

Eighth Grade

Seventh Grade

ART

The above boys represented the school in the County Art Contest. The representatives were Rex Parker, landscape; Lowell Hill, cartoon. The alternates were Marion Turrell and Ralph Davis.

Larry Colaw, not pictured, also represented the school with an oil painting in a national contest.

These projects were sponsored by Mrs. Martha Bingham, art teacher.

BAND

Thirty-five boys and girls were at one time or another members of the R. G. S. band during the past school year, which was under the direction of Mr. Meeker.

In March several members participated in the district band contest at Monticello. First places were won by the saxophone quartet—Mary Holzhauer, John Hulett, Sandra Sue Drysdale, Carl Prevette, cornet solo—Craig Chambers, and baritone solos—Roger Hulett and Eldon Versteeg. Those winning second places were flute solo—Diane James, cornet solo — Stanley Parker, and saxophone solo — Mary Holzhauer.

MIXED CHORUS

The mixed chorus under the direction of Mrs. Waters attended the Spring Festival on April 9th at St. Joseph, Illinois. The chorus consists of 21 girls and 8 boys. A Boys' Ensemble made up of six boys, Deane McConkey, Chuck Leonard, Russell Overholt, James Dunn, Leonard Trump, and James Smith, were included. The festival songs were "Jeannie," "Prayer from Hansel and Gretel," "Cloud Ships," "The Heavens Are Telling," "Buy My Tortillas," "Who Did?" and "Carmen Carmellia." This same chorus sang for P. T. A. and Commencement. Some members of the chorus also sang for one of the meetings of the Junior Women's Club.

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